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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1038

NOTE PREPARED: Nov 12, 2003

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: School Board Elections.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Frizzell

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: The bill requires that school board members selected by election must be elected at general elections.

Effective Date: Upon passage; July 1, 2004.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: *Summary:* The bill should present a minimal impact to the expenditures of county election boards and circuit court clerks. Expenditures for ballots for school board would be shifted from primary to general elections, which may require an adjustment to county primary and general election budgets. County election officials may have a small shift in administrative time from primary to general elections to account for the election of school board members.

If there are school board elections currently conducted during a municipal primary or municipal election, the towns in which school boards are elected may experience a savings in expenditures. Under the bill, the county would take on the election of these officials during a general election, which would not be charged to the town. The town could save on the expense for school board ballots produced for a municipal primary or municipal election.

Background Information: Under current law, county election boards are required, with some exceptions, to conduct a municipal primary and election. Expenses from county-operated municipal elections are

reimbursed by the municipality to the county. If the expenses of a municipal primary or election cannot be directly attributed to a single municipality, the expenses are apportioned 25% to the county and 75% to the municipalities in the county holding an election.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: County election boards, circuit court clerk.

Information Sources:

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